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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 2, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method of managing traffic for a virtual connection of a packet-based communications network, said method [consisting in] comprising the steps of:

transmitting packets from source [customer-premises] equipment to destination [customer-premises] equipment;

time-division multiplexing the packets [coming] from the [various] source [customer-premises] equipment;

measuring the data-rate of the multiplexed packets;

temporarily storing said multiplexed packets in a queue;

transmitting said stored packets over said virtual connection;